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HOW I BECAME A HERO.

It is acknowledged by all who know me that I am a hero. It was a great relief to me when the fact was ascertained, for it gave me a confidence in myself that I did not before possess. I had long doubted whether that identity known to its fellows as Edward Brandon, was a brave man or a coward, but in my first battle the doubt was removed, the matter made clear, the fact of my bravery was established, number witnessed it, and the general made it public.

Let me recall the details, and see what claim I have to the honorable distinction.

A private in a battalion of cavalry, flanking the right of a column of infantry and quietly watching the dense bodies of the enemy as they steadily moved up into position for opening the terrible conflict, their bright arms glittering and flashing in the unclouded rays of a clear morning sun, I had not the responsibility of command to distract my thoughts from the consideration of personal danger, and I remember calculating the chances of my being one of the first victims when the black-mouthed batteries of the foe should burst forth their messengers of death. Though I sat quite firm and still, I felt very ill at ease, and looking around upon my comrades, I saw many a pale face and quivering lip, which convinced me their thoughts and feelings were similar to mine.

Why could we not advance? Why must we remain there like so many statues, and let the iron hail strike us, with all our cold, shuddering reflections upon us? Oh, for action—action of some kind to ward off the thoughts that were secretly making us tremble like cowards! Were we cowards? Should we break and run at the first sight of blood? There was no telling, for we were as yet untried soldiers, and scarcely a man among us had the right to say that he could stand fire. How was it with veterans? Did they ever feel as we felt while waiting for a battle to begin?

The suspense was awful, and every minute made it worse. Why did not one side or the other fire, and break the paralyzing dread? But no. Marching, marching, moving here, there, and yonder all except our column, which had got into position too soon, and must now wait idly for the dread messengers of destruction, like so many sheep in the butcher's pen.

Gradually the whole field began to settle down into a death-like quiet, and at last the two armies stood passively face to face, watching each other in that ominous silence which precedes the bursting of the tempest. At length I would have given half my life, whatever that might be, to have been safe at home. So much for that courage which men now applaud, and which is said to have won us such honorable distinction.

From my position on elevated ground I could see the headquarters of the opposing army, with mounted officers prancing and cavorting around a centre, which I knew to be the commander-in-chief—the singular human being who was to direct that host amid the roar, and rush, and carnage so soon to be. At, ev'ry step should be the brain and great skill of him who is the thinking principle of such a mighty mass—whose will may be the fate of hundreds, perhaps of thousands, perhaps of a nation itself.

There was now a deep and awful silence of perhaps a minute, as silence commands dread, to be the first to open the womb of death, and then there was a single flash, a single roar, a smoke, a single heavy boom, and the signal of deadly strife had been given from the cannon's mouth. Then came the united roar of more than twenty batteries, and the hiss of the hot metal, and in an instant the missiles of death had passed from fo' to'le, and the terrible battle had begun, and loquacious intermissions at.

Five, ten, fifteen minutes passed, with the ground fairly trembling under the roar of cannon, and still there was nothing for me to do but sit on my horse, look down upon a cloud of smoke, listen to the sounds of strife, and calculate the chances of being hurled into eternity with every breath I drew. At first the balls went wide of the position I occupied, and men fell at a distance, but gradually the wide grew nearer and more near, till at length the balls began to sing around me, and the heavy smoke rolled up to envelope us in its sulphurous folds. Now the roar of cannon, the rattle of musketry, the shouts, shrieks, and groans of the combatants, made a horrid noise of ears of one who, with nothing to do, wished himself a thousand miles away from that perilous place.

Why were we kept idle to be shot at like many dumb targets? Occasionally, as the smoke cleared, could be seen cavalry charging and infantry advancing and firing, and I could see those who, when doomed to face the danger, had some action for the body as well as the mind. If we must remain in that horrible locality (and I confess I thought seriously of the chances of running away) in the name of humanity, we must act in some kind of column, and "Well, Palmer, what do you think of this?" I said, turning to the man on my left, and I received a reply, but none very satisfactory, as the gun had passed through his breast, and he fell over again, and

SALEM, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1873.

THE POLARIS EXPEDITION.

Saint John's, Sept. 11.

On the 14th of August the *Tress* passed Cape Alexander and Port Foulke. It was now all day-light, and the rock in the vicinity of Cape Olsen was recognized by Capt. Tyson as the same that hid the *Polaris* from the view of the party on the ice.

The vessel was here stopped by order of the commander, when the sound of human voices was heard in the distance.

A boat was instantly lowered. It was about 9 o'clock in the evening, and amidst the greatest excitement the Commander, Green, exclaimed, "I see their house and tent, and through smoke and flame two tents are clearly perceptible, and moving human figures can be seen on main house." The bugle sounded, and the sound of human voices was heard in the distance.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1873.

JOB PRINTING.

We call the attention of all classes who wish printing executed neatly, expeditiously, and upon reasonable terms, to the facilities offered at the People's Press Printing Establishment. We can furnish, at short notice, to all who want it, printed bills, bill-heads, letter-heads, cards, programmes, handbills, pamphlets, catalogues, posters, notes, checks, &c., & to no end. Considerable panic was created in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, and indeed in all the cities of the North East and West, on Friday and Saturday last. In New York, the excitement was fearful; Wall Street being crowded with anxious people. As the failure of Jay Cooke, Fisk & Hatch, Richard Schell and numbers of others were made known, the wailing and howling was absolutely deafening and the crowd acted like madmen. The London House of Jay Cooke continues to pay its depositors and it is thought the worst is over. It will take some time before the suspended houses will be able to look up again. Latest dates represent matters in a better light and that the worst is over.

The Banks all seem to be firm and will be able to weather the storm successfully. The U. S. Government is purchasing bonds freely, and this has given timely relief. Vanderbilt also relieved the pressure by timely aid. It is thought that a part of the Government greenback reserve fund will be put in circulation for the benefit of the business circles.

The Great Financial Crash.

The American business men in too many instances are endeavoring to amass heavy fortunes in too great a hurry. This is the reason for those occasional panics which create a feeling of general insecurity in the country. Men who earn a competency by careful management do so generally in a slow, plodding way, unless they should enter into the vortex of speculation and then failures occur much oftener than successes.

The quiet but slow way of "getting ahead in the world" is the only safe way. Commodore Vanderbilt during a recent interview, struck the key note of the recent failures when he said: "There are too many men who want to get rich too quick." This is the reason in a nutshell.

The following sketch from the New York Herald will prove interesting:

"The houses whose failure is in the mouths of everybody are all comparatively new in business circles. Jay Cooke & Co. were built up through the favoritism of Mr. Chase in the early days of the war, and people had come to regard them as in every way as sound as the government bonds, the negotiation of which gave them their financial standing before the country. Fisk & Hatch were also now as compared with other well known bankers, but their established credit would have enabled them to withstand any shock if they dealt only in legitimate ventures. The same remarks apply also to some of the other houses which followed in the wake of these, both in their methods of doing business and in their downfall. These young men in their desire to be rich forgot the old fashioned maxims of business, but, fortunately, while by their failure they made a stir on the surface and created wide spread fear and alarm among the young brokers, who like them, are indulging in the reckless spirit of speculation they failed to affect the solid and substantial interests of the country. Many depositors will suffer losses through them, but aside from this individual suffering business will go on without material disturbance."

Gambling.

Operations in Wall Street, New York, whether by Bankers or street brokers are as palpable as the fare dealers of the worst stamp. They frequently enter into schemes to make money out of fictitious values, or by operating with money obtained from savvay and simple-minded people upon the most insidious misstatements when there is hardly one dollar of real capital only what is obtained from those unfortunate persons.

The New York Herald thus upbraids the writer in plain language: "Look back where the names of bank-holders and brokers, and the like, are mentioned. If any man goes to a neighbor making false representations knowingly and through the influence of his assumed responsibility, the beginning of a gambler induces him to steal or to commit a robbery."

Peter E. Smith, of Scotland Neck, N. C., writes: "I will have at the Fair a cotton press, a spinning mill, and a small water wheel, the water wheel which I wish to put in operation on the grounds by means of a pump from a well. There is more enlargement here about the State Fair than ever before, about 7000 in a building 20x40 feet containing five thousand gallons of water will be kept constantly supplied for the grounds for the use of machinery in operation, and the machinery will be operated by steam power, and required about 1000 pounds of coal per hour."

Capt. Buddington and party of the ship "Felicity," noticed on the first page, were picked up on June 22d, by the whaling ship "Kittiwake," and afterwards brought to the port of Boston, which had left the party on June 2d, a few days later.

The Constitutional Amendment.

The vote on the Constitutional Amendment, leaving out the counties of Camden and Polk, which have not been heard from at the office of the Governor, is as follows:

Public Dept.—For, 70,457; against, 28,

Sup. Public Works—For, 69,293; against,

447—majority for 42,010.

28,806—majority for 42,734.

Exemption from Taxes—For, 39,723;

against, 26,207—majority for 13,266.

University—For, 68,938; against, 30,

42—majority for 38,667.

Sessions General Assembly—For, 59,

668; against, 28,563—majority for 31,105.

Code Commissioners—For, 70,545;

against, 22,318—majority for 28,227.

Federal Office Holders—For, 68,222;

against, 29,283—majority for 38,939.

This is the lightest vote cast since 1867.

In 1870 the vote stood, Shipp, 83,029—

Phillips, 34,034. In 1871 the Convention vote was 86,007, and 95,252 against.

The vote for 1862 was 98,929 for Caldwell, and 96,846 for Morrison. A comparison with these figures shows that but little interest was manifested by the people in the last election. Not quite half a vote was polled.

State Fair Items.

W. F. Shultz, Esq., will exhibit Furniture, Italian Bees, Native Woods, &c. Other parties are preparing articles for Floral Hall.

We hope our citizens will sustain the well-earned reputation of Flomoy in former fairs.

Send your articles if you cannot go. From all appearances the present Fair will be a success.

Over two thousand articles for exhibition have already been registered by the Secretary of the State Agricultural Society. J. Y. Whited, Esq., of Hillsboro, will exhibit several boxes of very superior tobacco, and after the premiums are awarded will donate to the Society one box of splendid chewing tobacco, valued at \$25.

Mosca Webb, Roubaix & Co., of Hillsboro, will exhibit specimens of their popular brand of smoking tobacco, and also donate 10 lbs of extra fine premium State Smoking Tobacco for the Gift Concert.

P. T. Barnum has consigned to forward a double humped camel from the New York Central Park.

Messrs. Julius Lewis & Nick West, Hardware dealers of Raleigh, contribute for Northern firms the following very valuable presents:

No. 8 All Right Cook Stove, celebrated all over the South, complete with furniture, value \$50.

1 Zero Refrigerator, said to be the best meat and fruit preserved in the world, value \$50.

1 Phillips' celebrated adjustable Boring Machine, value \$11.

1 barrel of Pratt's Astral Oil, now used in 500,000 families, has been before the public 10 years, and never an accident directly or indirectly from its use, value \$22.

Weston, the great Pedestrian, will reach this city on the 14th of October.

Schedules for the several roads leading into the city will probably be announced next week.

Special premiums on sauerkraut, trotting horses under three years old, six mile teams, &c., will be published next week.

Scout.

Competent judges say the race track of the Fair Grounds is the best in the South.

The Executive Committee is to understand, will add additional premiums for racing, so as to admit colts of four years and under to the turf. Several entries have been made.

Judge Watt has offered the use of his fast shooting ex-Joe Turner, to the Inventor of the Diamond Cattail Chopper, who will exhibit the operations of his machine on the Grounds.

R. W. Smith, of Norfolk, editors several fine horses for the pacing purses.

Joe McCay, of V. A., enters several horses for the trotting purses.

A. B. Smith, of Gafford, enters a young horse for the racing purses.

Joe H. Winston, of Caswell, enters several fine blooded mares for exhibiting.

Over sixty head of horses have been entered to date for exhibiting.

Ernest Haywood of Hillsboro offers a fine blooded filly 18 months old, weight 115 lbs.

John Satchell, of Beaufort, County, enters several horses for the racing purses.

To the Inventor of Hall's Self-Feeding Cotton Gin, has secured space to exhibit the operations of his machine on the grounds.

As best we have learned, he has a

young girl, who is the namesake of

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LOCAL ITEMS.

STREETS.—*It is the time to repair the roads.* So far as the corporate limits extend the streets have been considerably improved, but much remains yet undone. The expense has been heavy, but it was necessary that we should have a good street to the Depot, and we now have one that answers every purpose, and is the admiration of all who have seen it. Shallowford street is also improved, and is now one of the best streets in that part of town. There are also several "back streets" which will, we hope, receive some attention in due course of time. The roads leading into town should also be looked after and the ravine west of town bridged at some place where there is no liability to cave in.

This improvement can best be accomplished by the extension of West street, where there is an easy grade and solid ground for the abutments of a bridge and thus save all the trouble so long experienced at the well known "Jackson Bridge." We merely throw out these hints and hope they will be duly considered.

In the absence of moonshine it is a difficult matter to navigate our streets at night.

COL. LONG, U.S. Mail Agent for this State, informed us that he was using every means in his power to establish a mail route from Salem to Wilkesboro; there being now a route from Wilkesboro to Jefferson. The petition sent along the road meets with much favor, and we hope ere long to be in more direct communication with the counties of Yadkin, Wilkes, Alleghany and Ashe. Previous to and during the war we had direct mail communication with that section of country. Indeed it is one of the oldest mail routes in Western North Carolina, and we never could see why it was discontinued. Our Railroad will make it even more important than ever to have the route re-established.

A mile an hour is good speed at night on our streets and sidewalks. Light up Moreton!

We learn that the Mineral Springs, near Mount Airy, are to be opened up and made ready for next season. The late Henry W. Miller, well known as one of North Carolina's ablest men and most talented lawyers, pronounced the scenery near Mt. Airy as the most beautiful he had ever beheld.

Weston would make a poor out at night on our streets after night without spilling his picture.

THE TOBACCO CROP has improved wonderfully since the rains in the latter part of summer. Crops that looked almost like a failure have grown up to promise a fair yield. A late fall is much to be desired, however, in order to give plants time to mature.

OUR "Dark Lanterns" railings, and stoops extending out on pavements, and shade trees come in uncomfortable proximity to the heads of pedestrians after night.

M. T. B. VAUGHN'S Tobacco Factory in Winston, is in full operation. Mr. Vaughn informed us that he will endeavor to operate throughout the winter, if possible. There is considerable trouble in getting enough tobacco boxes, but we hope our mechanics will use every means to supply the demand as there is money in it. The difficulty of seasoned timber can be overcome by another season. Mr. Vaughn's Manufactured Tobacco is favorably known throughout the South, and we wish him abundant success in his new locality.

Coal One is Cheap! Why not make arrangements for using it in the lamps erected on our street corners.

John Kester, in the employ of Fogg Bros., at their saw-mill, accidentally lost two fingers on his left hand, by coming in contact with a circular saw.

Let the long winter evenings be made cheerful by lighting up the streets with gas or coal oil.

We see that Proctor & Gamble's Extra Olive Soap is becoming very popular in our town; its quality we know is superior, and being nicely perfumed we are not surprised that consumers prefer it, and that it has a large sale.

Thanks to Messrs. Patterson & Co., for lighting up the gas lamp at their store for Monday night.

W. G. Massey, of Gaston county, who travels with a blind boy as his son, giving concerts, left the Salem Hotel we have been informed, without settling his bill.

REVIVALS.—A great revival is in progress in the M. E. Church at Kornerville, in this county. There have been upwards of thirty converts.

A very interesting meeting of the Baptist Church is in progress at Abbott's Creek, Davidson county. In the absence of the pastor, Elder Wm. Turner, on account of sickness, the deacons have conducted Elder Daniel Taylor, of Henry county, Va., and F. H. Jones, of Caswell county, N. C. A number of persons are anxious about their souls.

Rev. H. Z. Smith entered upon the duties of his office as pastor of the Moravian Church at Piedmont, on Saturday of last week.

Dr. Martin, of Stokes county, has rented and occupies the former residence of F. Meller, in this place.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Blenkendorfer has enlarged his Notion Store, by taking down the partition which divides the building, he occupies into two parts, thereby making it as roomy again as large as his former one.

NO CHANGE.—There were rumors of changing the residence of Mr. Baldwin, but we learn that no change will be made for the present.

Wm. A. Bollock, Esq., died on the 10th inst. from injuries received the Sunday previous, without becoming sufficiently conscious to give the cause of the accident.

Some ten or twelve prisoners were released from the Madison county jail by unknown parties on last Monday night. A horse thief was among the number, and it is supposed that his accomplices did the work.

YONAH AND PLAIN.—An attempt was made on the night of the 2d inst., to burn the Court House at Yonah. Fortunately the fire was discovered in time to save the building.

On Wednesday night three colored prisoners escaped from the Charlotte jail. One of them was charged with arson.

The Fayetteville Eagle says that the drainage of the Flat Swamp will reclaim 20,000 acres of the best land in the State.

The Charlotte Observer learns that a joint-stock company is forming in that city for the establishment of a cotton factory at the well known "Jackson Bridge."

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COL. LONG, U.S. Mail Agent for this State, informed us that he was using every means in his power to establish a mail route from Salem to Wilkesboro; there being now a route from Wilkesboro to Jefferson. The petition sent along the road meets with much favor, and we hope ere long to be in more direct communication with the counties of Yadkin, Wilkes, Alleghany and Ashe. Previous to and during the war we had direct mail communication with that section of country. Indeed it is one of the oldest mail routes in Western North Carolina, and we never could see why it was discontinued. Our Railroad will make it even more important than ever to have the route re-established.

A mile an hour is good speed at night on our streets and sidewalks. Light up Moreton!

DIED.—In Davison county, on Saturday last, Mr. BARNEY WEE, aged about 65 years.

In this county on Monday last, Mr. FRANCIS SMITH, aged 70 years.

THE MARKETS.

Corrected by R. A. Womack & Co., Dealer in General Merchandise.

Sept. 11, 1873.

House and Lot for Sale.

ON THURSDAY THE 24TH OF OCTOBER, 1873, I

will sell at the highest bidder the

House and Lot in the town of Salem, belonging to the estate of William D. Dugay.

This house has a good Dwelling, Shop,

and is situated on the East side of Main Street, nearly opposite A. C. Vogler & Co.'s Furniture Store.

Persons wishing to view the property may do so by calling on A. C. Vogler, or C. S. Hauser.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock P.M.

Known by the name of G. S. HAUSER, Adm'r.

Salem, N. C., Sept. 9, 1873.

JOHN G. HILL, Notary.

Sept. 11, 1873.

LIVERY STABLE!

RECORDED BY WINSTON TOBACCO ASSOCIATION.

NEW TOBACCO.

LUSES.—Common, 500 to 575

" Medium, 600 to 750

LEAF—Common, 800 to 950

BRIGHT SMOKERS—Common, 900 to 1150

WRAPPERS—Common, 1000 to 1250

" Good to Fine, 1000 to 1450

" Fancy, 3000 to 7500

Receipts contain light market active for sound sweet working grades.

DOUTHIT & CO.

Office at the Store of R. A. Womack & Co.

July 24, 1873.

JOHN C. DAY,

OF NORTH CAROLINA WITH

THOS. D. TOY & CO.,

Successors to KING & TOY,

Wholesale Druggists,

No. 144 Main Street,

NORFOLK, VA.

July 17, 1873.

HARVEY & JONES,

GENERAL WHOLESALE

GROCERS

AND

LIQUOR MERCHANTS,

COMMERCIAL BLOCK,

Corner of Carey and 13th Streets,

RICHMOND, VA.

July 17, 1873.

BLIGHMAN BROTHERS & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

PAPER BAGS AND FLOUR SACKS,

AND DEALERS IN EVERY VARIETY OF

PAPERS, TWINES, ENVELOPES,

HAIR DYE, PERFUMERY, &c.,

GENERAL STATIONERY, &c.,

AT BEVELY'S DRUG STORE,

1810 Main Street, Richmond, Va.

JULY 17, 1873.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

JULY 17, 1873.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE PAIN-KILLER, manufactured by JERRY DANIEL & SON, has a well deserved reputation for its medicinal qualities.

The unique and interesting feature of this medicine is the fact that it is regularly sold in large quantities in quantities not only to persons in every part of the United States, but in Borneo, Abyssinia, Malaya, Peninsular China, and other South American States, and the British Islands, and other parts of Africa, India, and Australia, and the West Indies; to England and continental Europe; to Morocco, Algiers, and Tunis; to Asia Minor, Persia, and Central Asia; to Australia and California; Rangeley, a place in India, it is sold in every part of the United States, and we doubt not that any foreigner in any foreign land in Africa or Asia, which is frequented by American and English merchants, will find it in their stores, to which they will be sure to send a sample.

The Pain-Killer is equal to the best thing ever known, as everybody will confess for medicines, etc., that are not for temporary cures.

It is a powerful analgesic, and remedy.

It is sold in almost every country in the world, and is becoming more popular every year. Its healing properties have been fully tested all over the world, and its efficacy is known to be tried.

The proprietors are in constant correspondence with the highest character and responsibility, testifying to the great value and efficacy of this medicine.

It is a safe, simple, and effective remedy.

